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SUBJECT: REUTERS NEWS RELEASE ON DRUG ABUSE

1. FOLLOWING NEWS ITEM APPEARED IN NOV. 1 EDITION INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE UNDER HEADLINE "BABIES IN NYC ADDICTED AT BIRTH",

**BEGIN TEXT -**

"GENEVA, NOV. 1 (REUTERS). - EVERY YEAR MORE THAN 1,000 BABIES IN NEW YORK CITY ARE HEROIN ADDICTS AT BIRTH BE-CAUSE THEIR MOTHERS ARE USING THE DRUG, A UNITED NATION SAID TODAY.

"THE REPORT, BY THE GENEVA-BASED UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, ALSO SAID THAT AN ADDICT PAYS ABOUT \$20,000 A YEAR TO SUPPORT HIS OR HER HABIT.

"IT SAID THIS EXPLAINED WHY HALF THE STREET CRIMES AND ABOUT 35 PER CENT OF PROPERTY OFFENSES IN THE UNITED STATES WERE COMMITED BY DRUG ADDICTS." END TEXT.

2. NEWS ITEM IS INCORRECT IN THAT UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTROL HAS PREPARED NO "REPORT" OF THE NATURE DESCRIBED. WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE HAPPENED IS THAT AN UNFDAC STAFFER, IN THE PROCESS OF CORROBORATING WORLDWIDE STATISTICS ON DRUG ABUSE WHICH HE WAS COMPILING FOR AN INTERNAL UNFDAC BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR PERSONAL USE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND NOT MEANT FOR PUBLICATION, DISCUSSED SOME STATISTICS WITH LOCAL REUTERS CORRESPONDENT. THE LATTER'S INTEREST

IN DRUG ABUSE TOPIC WAS APPARENTLY STIRRED TO THE POINT HE AUTHORED A NEWS RELEASE ON THE SUBJECT.

3. FYI THE STAFFER REPORTS HIS SOURCES FOR THE STATISTICS QUOTED IN THE ARTICLE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. 1000 BABIES ADDICTED (CONGRESSIONAL RECORD 1971 CORROBORATED BY HEW PUBLICATION "A TREATMENT MANUAL FOR ACUTE DRUG ABUSE EMERGENCIES, 1974, PG. 29).

- B. YEARLY COST OF HABIT (DEA FACT SHEET, 1973, P. 16).
- C. RELATION OF DRUG ABUSE TO STREET CRIME AND PROPERTY OFFENSES (PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, 27 APRIL 1976). END FYI. VANDEN HEUVEL

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